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USAID/MOE EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP FOR IMPROVED READING OUTCOMES

CONTRACTOR(S)/GRANTEE(S): **MINISTRY OF EDUCATION**

DURATION: 2013- 2016

TOTAL PROJECTED INVESTMENT: \$3.8 MILLION

CBSI FUNDING: \$882,551

ALTERNATE FUNDING SOURCE: INCLUDES BILATERAL FUNDS

The Government of Jamaica (GOJ) is collaborating with USAID through a Government to Government (G2G) initiative to implement a comprehensive reading activity. The G2G activity supports the GOJ's efforts to improve reading among students in Grades 1 -3 of 450 poor performing primary and All Age schools across Jamaica. The activity targets specific education regions because of risk factors, such as crime, poverty and unemployment. The CBSI component of the project benefits approximately 11,000 students and 200 teachers in regions that experience the highest levels of crime and violence, and are part of the Government of Jamaica's Community Renewal Program.

The focus of the G2G activity is to enhance the Grades 1-3 teachers' competence in the teaching of phonological awareness, phonics and vocabulary; and to improve Grades 1-3 students' performance in the fundamentals of reading instruction. The activity also seeks to further equip school principals and education officers in the effective management of literacy instructions in the schools that they supervise; implement gender based instruction; and improve the tracking and monitoring of literacy resources and programs of the MOE. Parents also benefit under this project as they are provided with basic knowledge and skills and strategies on literacy development so that they can better impact their children's progress in education.